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TIME TABLES.

Time of Arrival and Departure of Trains at Reno.

The following table gives the time of arrival and departure of passenger trains at Reno:

TRAIN.	ARRIVES.	LEAVES.
Central Pacific—		
No. 1, eastbound express.....	10:10 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
No. 2, westbound express.....	8:40 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
No. 3, eastbound express.....	8:00 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
No. 4, westbound express.....	9:30 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
Virginia & Truckee—		
No. 1, Virginia express.....	8:00 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
No. 2, San Francisco express.....	11:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Nos. 3 & 4, local passenger.....	8:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Nevada & California—		
Express and freight.....	4:45 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

Time of Arrival and Departure of Mails at Reno.

MAIL.	ARRIVES.	DEPARTS.
San Francisco and Reno.....	8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Cal. (rest of Truckee), Or., W. T. and B. O.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Virginia, Carson, Glenbrook and Southern Nevada.....	8:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mono, Inyo and Alpine counties, Cal.	8:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Susanna, Oodaville, Quincy and points north.....	4:45 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Reno Meadows (Mondays).....	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

M. NATHAN.

THE PIONEER CLOTHING HOUSE.

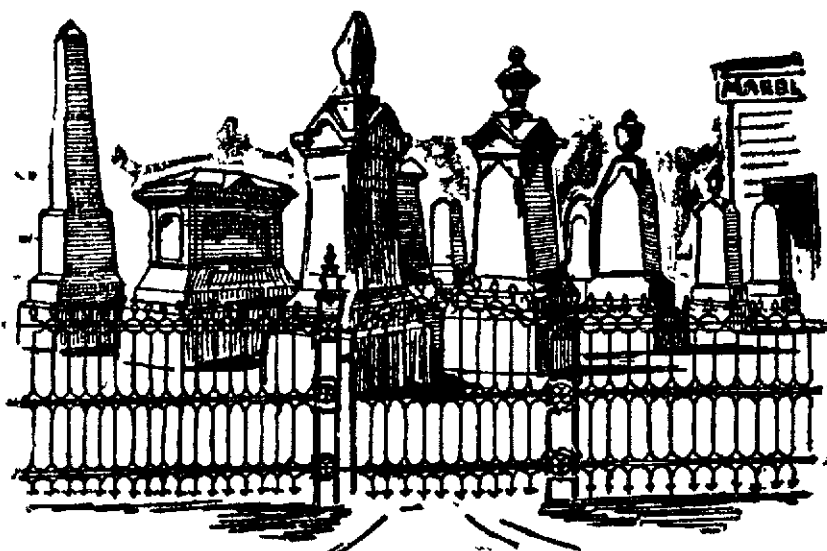
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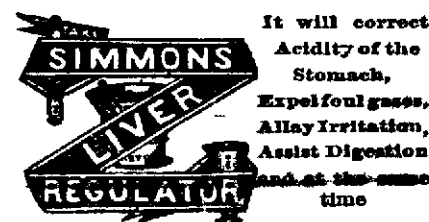
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And I would drink it in
With the rest of the roses rich and rare;
But still the battle's din
Rings in my ears and drowns me;
I cannot hear the strain.
The noise of the world, its misery,
Throbs like a bitter pain.
But now and then, as in despair
I seek to read the books,
Comes a burst of harmony on the air
To which my heart responds;
And then the echo of the Tryst
A moment seems to cease;
Though the wondrous harmony dies away.
That moment brings me peace.
And then I pray I may retain
A peacefulness of heart.
Though the warrior's laurels I fall to gain,
Or riches of the mart,
For that sweet song will give me rest,
And banish all distress:
The flowers of God and the gold of the west
Will be my happiness.
—Flavel Scott Miles in Harper's Bazar

The Nicotine Test.

Any one desirous of testing the quantity of nicotine which he probably absorbs into his system from a burning cigar can do so by a simple experiment. Let him take a mouthful of smoke, then fold his handkerchief double, place it across his lips and violently blow the smoke through the linen, when he will see a brown stain on the cloth from the tobacco oil contained in the smoke. The quantity from a single mouthful of smoke is often sufficient to stain brown a section of the handkerchief as large as a silver dime. When this is the result of a single inhalation the quantity of nicotine absorbed by the system of a man who is smoking all day must be very considerable, particularly if, as in the case of cigarette smokers, he draws the smoke into his lungs and so exposes a much larger surface to its deleterious influences.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Eggs as Large as Hailstones.

This has been a season of hailstones, and the editor has been keeping tally on the largest specimens. Two days ago a farmer came clanking into the office and paid his subscription. "I s'pose," he said solemnly, "that you wouldn't object to an item of news on the hail question?" "Not much," responded the editor encouragingly, as he reached for pencil and paper. "Thought not," commented the farmer. "What have you got?" inquired the editor. "Eighteen pullets," said the farmer warily, "that lay eggs as large as hailstones," and out he went chuckling.—Detroit Free Press.

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SUNDAY UNDER THE TENTS.

Elephants Get a Plunge Bath and Lion Have Their Toes Manicured.

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Cash on hand..... 55 33

Stationery..... 38,109 88

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Its Victims Are Numbered by Hundreds of Thousands—First Directed Against Jews, Afterward Heretic Christians Were Tortured and Killed.

Perhaps those who have accused Christopher Columbus of narrow, sectarian bigotry and of cruelty have not sufficiently taken into account the spirit of the age in which he lived. The intolerance, the bigotry and the merciless cruelty of that time are sufficiently illustrated in that most monstrous of institutions, the Spanish inquisition.

What is called the modern inquisition was established in Spain under the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella—sovereigns who possessed many of the elements of greatness, and who certainly brought Spain to a high position among the nations of the world. Yet it was under the reign of these two sovereigns that the monstrous inquisition was established.

This inquisition consisted of a commission consisting of several judges, whose duty it was to hunt out heretics and punish them. The primary object of the inquisition was to extirpate every trace of heterodoxy, and make a land where none but the orthodox could live. It succeeded in its attempt, but the history of its proceedings furnishes one of the most bloody narratives to which the race has ever listened.

The attention of the inquisition was first directed against the Jews. This thrifty race of people then, as now, were conspicuous for their financial importance. In the course of time many Christians became their debtors, and it is probable that the desire to escape these just debts frequently occasioned the seizure of these unfortunate Jews for heresy. The Christian not only did not feel it incumbent upon himself to pay his debts to heretics, but even all their property was confiscated.

These heretics could be accused anonymously, and it was not considered necessary to bring the accused and the accuser face to face. The accused heretic was seized without warning, conveyed to the chambers of the inquisition and rigidly kept from all intercourse with the outside world. No relative or friend to console with him or to advise him was permitted to come into his presence. He was kept in ignorance of the charge upon which he was incarcerated. Counsel was allowed him, but this was a mere formality, for this counsel was not allowed to confer with him.

If the prisoner refused to confess his guilt, or was caught in evasions or contradictions, he was conveyed to the torture chamber, where he was submitted to the intensest agony which it is possible for human nerves to sustain. Doubtless many innocent men declared themselves guilty under this exquisite torture in order to escape the terrible agony. Indeed death was preferable to the torment.

The evidence upon which the heretics were convicted seems to us entirely insufficient. "The presumptive proofs," says Prescott, "by which the charge of Judaism was established against the accused are so curious that a few of them may deserve notice. It was considered a good evidence of the fact if the prisoner wore better clothes or cleaner linen on the Jewish Sabbath than on other days of the week; if he had no fire in his house the preceding evening; if he sat at table with Jews, or ate the meat of animals slaughtered by their hands, or drank a certain beverage held in much estimation by them; if he washed a corpse in warm water, or when dying turned his face to the wall; or, finally, if he gave Hebrew names to his children—a provision most whimsically cruel, since, by a law of Henry II, he was prohibited under severe penalties from giving them Christian names. He must have found it difficult to extricate himself from the horns of this dilemma."

If the accused was found guilty, as he usually was, he was led forth in great ceremonial state, accompanied by a procession of high ecclesiastics, submitted to revolting insults and ignominiously burned at the stake.

While Torquemada was inquisitor general, a period of eighteen years, over 10,000 heretics were burned at the stake, nearly 7,000 burned in effigy and almost 100,000 subjected to heavy and ignominious penalties. This makes an average of over 5,000 persons annually.

The inquisition was at first directed against Jews, but afterward against heretic Christians themselves. It continued its awful work through many generations, and its unfortunate victims were numbered by the hundred thousand.

The present degradation and degeneracy of Spain is due to this cause more than any other. Whoever fetters the put upon the human mind the race decays, shrivels and degenerates. Wherever freedom of thought is prohibited a race of intellectual pygmies must necessarily result. Humanity progresses through the influence of original minds, which do not think along the accepted lines of thought. This order of men it is which leads the world up to ever higher and higher conceptions, to higher and higher planes of living. It was this kind of men that the Spanish inquisition could find no better use for than burning at the stake.

So all the noblest thinkers of Spain were burned, all her original thinkers were either killed or suppressed and only commonplace minds, which accepted existing standards without investigation and without thought, were spared. It is no wonder that Spain dropped into an intellectual lethargy from which she has never roused. The inquisition was one of the most colossal mistakes in all history.—S. Watterson Ford in Yankee Blade.

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